been fully utilised in Bihar, Rajasthan and other backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Plan allocations and actual disbursement for rural electrification under Rural Electrification Programme under Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) financed schemes for Bihar and Rajasthan during the last four years are as under:

Year	Bihar		Rajasthan	
	Allo-cation	Disbur-sement	Allo-cation	Disbur-sement
1992-93	12.95	3.77	52.50	58.04
1993-94	9.25	2.89	61.00	72.21
1994-95	4.75	5.88	64.93	77.04
1995-96	16.00	0.00	72.20	70.65

As regards other backward districts of the country, the Plan allocations are approved for State as a whole and not for specific districts of the State.

While Rajasthan has by and large been able to utilise/over utilise the allocated funds, Bihar has not been able to do so due to financial constraints and its inability to repay heavy outstanding dues of REC.

(c) REC is continuously persuading the State Government/State Electricity Board to furnish satisfactory repayment plan so that the rural electrification programme in the State could be accelerated. The recovery of dues through Central appropriation has also been adopted from time to time.

Maintenance of Tourist Centres

956 DR D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some of the important tourist attraction centres are not maintained properly as a result of which most of the important structures are in deteriorating conditions; and

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to maintain the tourist attraction centres in a good condition?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The maintenance of tourist attraction centres are primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments and central assistance is provided for the development of tourism infrastructure and product improvement on receipt of specific proposals from the State/U.T. Governments.

Government of India also provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for the refurbishment of monuments, including landscaping the area around them.